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FOR THE

Temporary Relief of Agricultural Tenants in Ireland, for A.D. 1886.
the Admission of certain Leaseholders to the Land Act of
1881; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, having regard to the great depreciation in the
prices of agricultural produce since the greater number of
the judicial rents of tenancies in Ireland subject to statutory con-
ditions were fixed, it is expedient to make temporary provision for
the relief in certain cases of the tenants of such holdings, and also
to provide for the admission of certain leaseholders to the benefit of
the provisions of the Land Act of 1881:

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and
with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal,
and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the
authority of the same, as follows:

1. In the case of any holding subject to statutory conditions
within the meaning of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, where
the statutory term was fixed prior to the thirty-first December one
thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, if, on the application of
the tenant of such holding, it is proved to the satisfaction of the
Irish Land Commission, herein-after called the court,—

Temporary
abatement
of rent.

(a.) That half the rent ordinarily payable in the year one
thousand eight hundred and eighty-six in respect of such
holding, and half of any antecedent arrears have been paid;
and

(b.) That the tenant is unable to discharge the remainder of such
rent or arrears without loss of his holding or deprivation of the
means necessary for the cultivation and stocking thereof;

The court may make an order for such an abatement of the rent
of such holding as may seem to them just and expedient. Such
abatement shall apply to the rent ordinarily payable in the year
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, to the antecedent
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A.D. 1890. arrears thereto, if any, and to the rent which would have been payable in the following year.

Lease-
holders.

2. The lessee of any holding who at the expiration of any lease existing at the passing of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, would be deemed to be a tenant of a present ordinary tenancy from year 5 to year, at the rent and subject to the conditions of the lease, shall *from and after the passing of this Act*, and notwithstanding that such lease has not expired, be deemed to be a tenant of a present tenancy at the rent mentioned in such lease, and his holding shall be subject to all the provisions of the said Act of 1881 with regard 10 to present tenancies.

Provided that such lessee shall not be deemed to be a present tenant:

- (a.) Where substantial consideration has been given by such lessee for the said lease, and such lessee objects to being deemed 15 a present tenant:
- (b.) Where such lessee is not the immediate occupying tenant of such holding.
- (c.) Where the holding is of such a character as to come under any of the exceptions contained in the fifty-eighth section of 20 the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881.

Suspension
of pro-
ceedings.

3. Where any proceedings for the recovery of the rent of a holding to which this Act applies, or for the recovery of such holding for non-payment of rent, have been taken before or after an application under this Act in respect of such holding, and are 25 pending before such application is disposed of, the court before which such proceedings are pending shall, on payment into court of one half of the rent due, suspend or postpone such proceedings until the application under this Act has been disposed of.

Tenants' Relief (Ireland).

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